

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I yield.

SENATOR WHITNEY: You say that the amount of money that they are handling. Now isn't this true that sometimes that they handle \$300,000?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: By they, which ones are you speaking of?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well anybody that is in the well, the county clerk included in this bill? The County treasurer is he included?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: The county clerk has a \$100,000 and I don't how many county clerks will handle over \$100,000 at any one time where they would get involved in an error in a transaction or an out right....now this does not include embezzlement, this would not be an embezzlement type thing.

SENATOR WHITNEY: What kind of money do they handle and who handles it and how is it taken care of here?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: How much money would be through an error on any one given occasion, how much money comes through their hands at a given time. I think that Senator Stull could probably give you some idea as to what county boards have seen the handling of money. I believe that he could tell you what it would be in an average county. I'm not trying to put Senator Stull on the spot but I believe that he could handle that.

SPEAKER: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think that Senator Luedtke is absolutely right. This is to cover the amount of money that they handle. Now, I don't know how County Commissioners do and a...a...in other counties but you know that I never accepted any money I would say that the treasurer is the one that is responsible for this money and you make the check to the county treasurer. In our county we had our treasurer bonded she was bonded for all of the money that we thought that she would have in her hands at one time. The County Clerk I imagine in a months time that they might handle \$2,000 or \$3,000 in a small county, I would imagine that we would have a \$5,000 bond on the county clerk. The County Clerk handles very little a...a...I mean the County Attorney handles very little cash money. The thing that we tried to do would be to cover them for all of the money that they would handle at any one time. I think that the county board has that leeway in the thing to arrive at those figures.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: May I ask you another question. Are they also in charge of the accumulated amount of money in the county treasury, for example here we have had a committee amendment to the affect that when a county clerk has the duties of other county officers the minimum bond shall be \$2,000. Now he may be then the county treasurer then in some counties, does this mean then that he can handle the accumulated amount, which could be a hundred thousand or two-hundred thousand dollars?

SENATOR STULL: Senator Whitney I don't think that you have any case where the county clerk would also be the county treasurer. You have cases where they would be the clerk of the district court and the assessor. Now the Clerk of the District Court